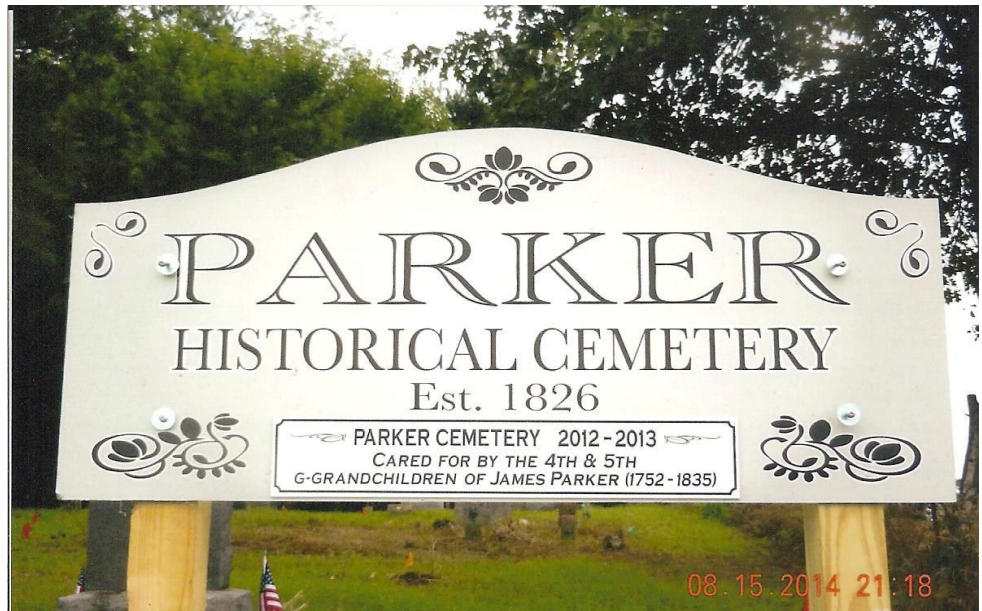


History
of the
Parker Pioneer
Cemetery
Hutton Township,
Coles County, Illinois



Tom and Stacy Hintz
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Forward

In 1970, Stacy's aunt Vera had the good fortune to meet Alice Parker, youngest daughter of Quanah Parker. Aunt Vera had extensively researched the connection¹ between Elder John Parker of Coles County, Illinois, and James Parker of Crawford County, Illinois. Vera descends from James, and Quanah descends from Nathaniel's family on John's side. During her visit, Vera asked Alice to help her understand which children were by each of Quanah's wives to which Alice responded, "Why does it matter? They're family."

For many, their perspective to cemetery's are quite similar. Our ancestors are there and what more do you need to know? When graves are marked they provide valuable confirmation that a family or person lived and died in a particular place. That connection is combined with records in the area to yield a greater picture of the family and, perhaps, an insight into our past. Unmarked graves are lost and provide no perspective and no amount of speculation can reconcile that. In the end Alice was right: it doesn't matter because we know they are there.



Illustration 1: Alice Purdy, Vera Jezek, Alice's niece Bobbie holding her son, and Shayne Jezek holding an award of Alice's. August 1970



Illustration 2: Cemetery location relative to Westfield - graphic care of Dr. Di Naso.

¹ At the Parker/Ledbetter reunion in Twin Lakes, Pekin, IL, Stacy and Tom famously revealed the research done to that point and declared no connection between the two families. Betty Fox remarked, "of course it would have to be one of my children!" James David Parker later did prove through a DNA test that the two families are closely related.

Cemetery

The cemetery is located on the George Parker farm just north of the old homestead, on a hill that is one of several glacial features in the immediate vicinity. Dr. Di Naso states “Geologically, the cemetery actually rests upon what we call, a kame. This is a glacial deposit formed when a receding glacier melts, depositing a mound of detritus - generally sand, silt, gravel, cobbles, etc...or what we'd call glacial 'till'. Farmsteads are often built atop these. The Parker kame was too small for a farmhouse but ideal for a cemetery!”

George reportedly built his cabin near the cemetery in 1827 and then returned to Crawford Co., Illinois for his family. His son John A. Parker was born that year and was hauled by sled to the new cabin, arriving New Years Eve. George is often credited with starting the cemetery and considering his early arrival in the area and proximity that might be true.

According to some, the first burial was a child but no other information is given. The oldest currently documented burial is Mary E. Hutton in May 14th, 1829, and the newest is Elizabeth Ann (Jenkins) Hutton on 10th of April 1937. Use of the cemetery peaked in the 1860s and declined sharply in the mid 1880s as the use of Maple Hill in Westfield increased.

The 5 oldest birth dates of those interred are:

1. James Parker born 1752 (presumed buried in Parker Cemetery)
2. Anna (Doty) Parker born Dec 1765
3. Thomas Whalen born 1767
4. Ann (Burgess) Berkley born May 9th, 1776
5. James C. Gilbert born December 1st, 1780

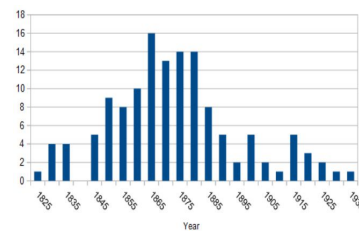


Illustration 3: Number of burials by year.

The cemetery is located at GPS coordinates 39.4320500, -88.0192200, on Hutton Township section 6, township 11N, range 11E from the 3rd meridian. George bought part W2NE², 73.82 acres containing the cemetery, on January 3, 1832 directly from the US government at the land office in Palestine as recorded in document number 3167. That is over a year after the burials of George Parker's wife, Sarah, and his mother, Anna.

Donna Stewart of the Coles County Genealogical Society found a deed on February 20th, 1843 between George Parker and his wife Elizabeth (Preston, widow of Thomas Flint) donating the cemetery to the United Baptist Church of Christ Good Hope trustees Joel Connely, William Lee and William Parker. The parcel of land was described as follows.

“a certain tract or parcel of land assigned as follows
by being part of the west half of the North East quarter of Section No six in Township No Eleven North of Range No Eleven East bounded as follows Beginning at a Stone at the South East corner of the grave yard near George Parkers thence Running west Seventeen rods³ thence to Extend north in an oblong Square so as to contain one half of an acre in the abstract of land Sold at Palestine Illinois”

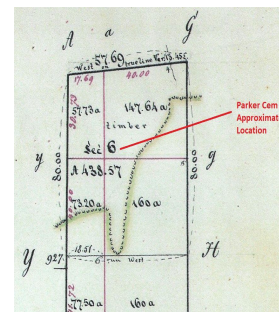


Illustration 4: Sec 6, original survey.

Notice the deed says the cemetery orientation “extends north” and it is an “oblong square”. Subsequent graphics show the cemetery runs a little north by northwest,

2 West half of the NE quarter of the section.

3 A rod is 16.5 US survey feet.

not due north. Current maps do not depict a rectangle.

David Paul Parker noted that on February 8, 1859, George sold the land to his son Jephthah as recorded in Coles County book 7, page 378. That document was filed on March 26th, 1862, several days after George's death. The document states the sale of part of the NE quarter of the section, but states

“...containing seventy-two acres (72) with the reserved one half acre for the purpose of a grave yard as already deeded it being more or less...”.

According to David, Jephthah was pastor of the Good Hope Baptist Church and the cemetery was placed into its care. Good Hope relocated to Westfield, Clark County and a new building was erected. The building for that church was later sold to Martha Parker and the Baptists bought the Methodist church building and the Methodist congregation built a new building. Martha ran an antique store from the location until her death. The new owners have converted it to a home.

David Parker paid James Grant \$500 for a title search on the cemetery. James was an attorney on the Coles County Cemetery board. He retired and David only received cursory information. David understands that the Good Hope cemetery deed was transferred from the church to the Clark County trustee. It is possible that the same type of transfer was performed for the Parker Cemetery.

I have an email from Glenna Mullen that gives this additional history.

“From: t mullen [tmullen@xxxx.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 1997 6:35 PM
To: Tom Hintz
Subject: PARKER CEMETERY and other information/questions

...I had sent months ago info. to Linda Lang that a perpetual care fund had been established at one of the banks either Coles or Clark County, Illinois. Fund was established before 1900. However, bank that fund was at could have failed in the Great Depression. Also, my Great Aunt Muriel Tippet in the 1970's was instrumental in obtaining some type of funding from government (do not know if state, local, or federal) for at least an annual cleanup...”

David Parker stopped at the bank in Westfield and they would not look to see if there were records of any such account.

The original cemetery deed describes a rectangle but current maps show the cemetery as a much larger irregular shape suggesting that there was an addition some time in the second half of the 20th century.

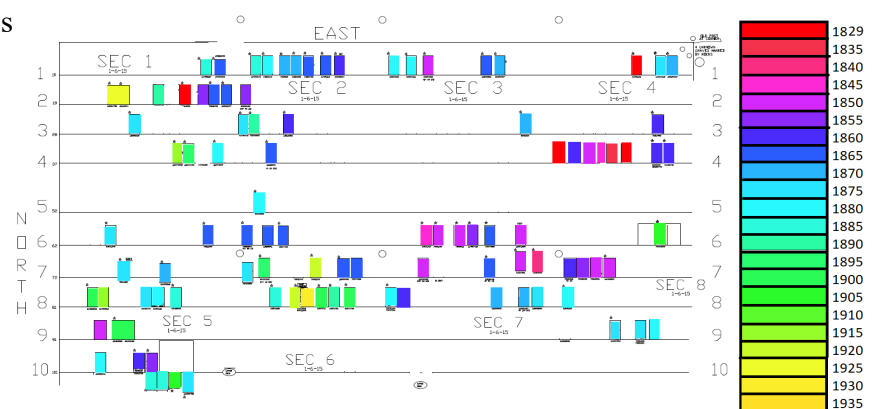


Illustration 5: Age distribution of graves by death date overlaid on map by David P. Parker.

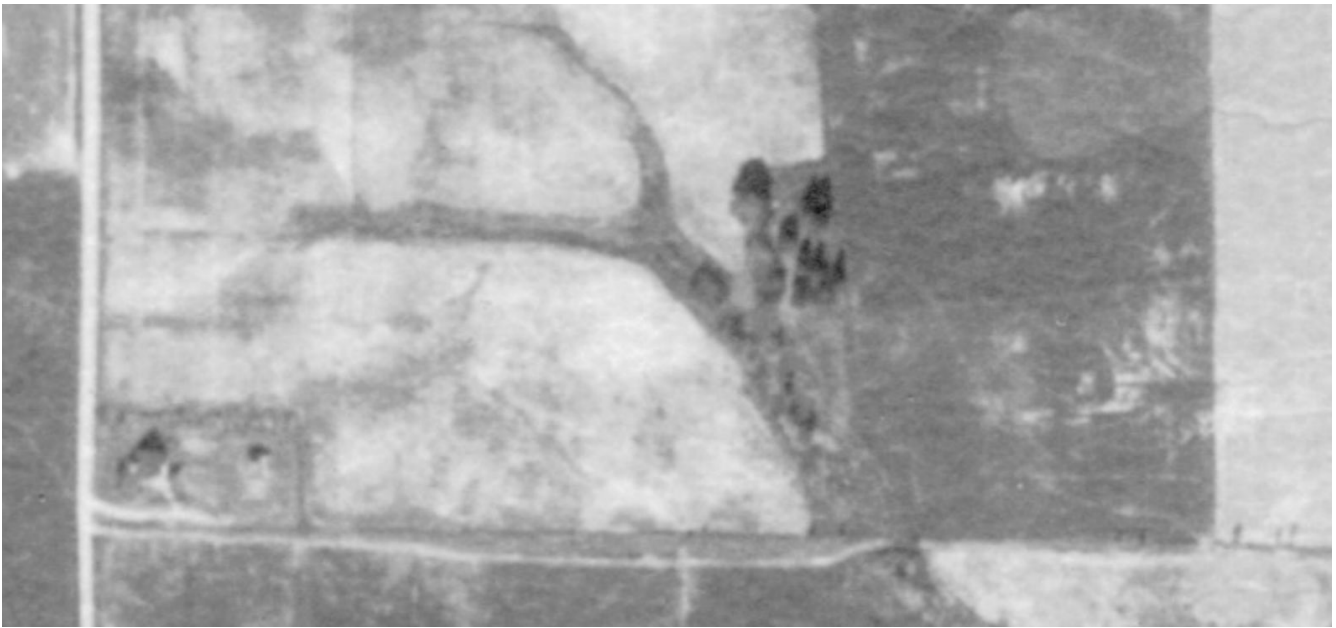


Illustration 6: Aerial photo of the cemetery. Illinois Natural Resources Geospatial Data Clearinghouse, Illinois State Geological Survey, <http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu/nsdihome/> (October 25th, 1938; accessed February 2nd, 2022).



Dr. Di Naso remarks on the 1938 photograph, “Looks as if there was an east to west path that gave access to the fields east of the farmhouse, as well as the cemetery. The path from the access road, thence north to the cemetery, is plainly visible. Farmers generally build their access roads along the property line (if they own adjacent parcel aliquot), or along their side of their property line. The pathway looks mildly sinuous, is not

running parallel to the parcel boundary, and deflects to the north in the direction of the cemetery as it approaches. My assumption is that it may be reminiscent of [the?] an original access route from county road N 2420 E to the east. I’m wondering if there wasn’t a small footbridge at one time to navigate the narrow drainageway although it may not have been necessary.

“One can see that the eastern boundary of the cemetery is more or less orientated (note fence line in red) parallel to the adjacent land parcel.”

Similar Cemeteries

Two other cemeteries are sometimes called “Parker Cemetery” in Coles County. The first was located in Charleston and is described by Samuel Sargent as follows. Find-A-Grave calls this the North 12th Street Cemetery and places it at Charleston Township, section 11, T12N, R9E.

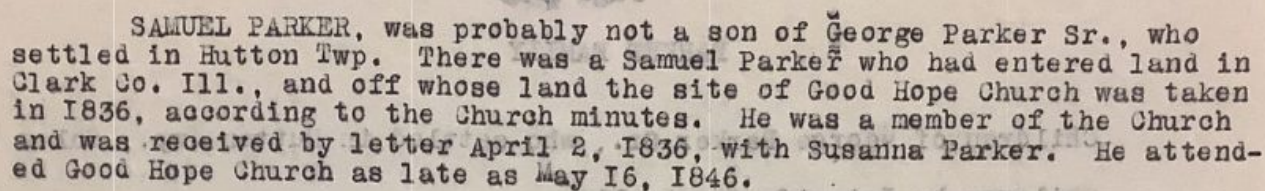
“Near where the Parker family lived after moving to what is now Charleston, a cemetery was started on the highest rise of the ground at the north edge of the town. Later when the streets were put through this cemetery happened to be in the middle of the street. What markers there were were removed and placed at the side of the street, I have been told. The families around there began using them as stepping stones. When I first learned of this twenty years ago I made every kind of effort I knew of to locate some of these stones, but failed. Some old timers told me they had seen them around houses there, but a reward failed to bring any to light.”

The article the above was undated, but Samuel was writing his book somewhere around 1940's and 1950's although some of his collections predate that. Find-A-Grave shows that a pair of stones from this cemetery were later located.

The second Parker cemetery is described on Find-A-Grave as containing the family of Nathaniel Parker “Located about one half mile north of the east gate of the fairgrounds in Charleston, Illinois.” That cemetery is no longer visible.

Although the specific relationship between George Parker and the Parkers of Charleston is not known they have been identified as direct relatives through DNA.

The third cemetery is Good Hope of the Good Hope Baptist Church in Clark County is within site of the Parker Cemetery in Hutton Township and also contains the families of several of George Parker's neighbors and siblings. Samuel Sargent states that Samuel Parker deeded the land for the Good Hope Church and cemetery.



SAMUEL PARKER, was probably not a son of George Parker Sr., who settled in Hutton Twp. There was a Samuel Parkef who had entered land in Clark Co. Ill., and off whose land the site of Good Hope Church was taken in 1836, according to the Church minutes. He was a member of the Church and was received by letter April 2, 1836, with Susanna Parker. He attended Good Hope Church as late as May 16, 1846.

That church became the Baptist church in Westfield. The church has transferred the deed for the Good Hope cemetery to the Clark County trustee.

Finally, George Parker's parents and siblings first settled in Crawford County, Illinois, and many of the Parker relations are buried in that county.

Access

The original access was on the South as illustrated by David Paul Parker and Dr. Steven M. Di Naso in his 2015 presentation. During the presentation, David Paul Parker pointed to what he indicated was a wagon accessible trail or road along the south edge of the cemetery,



Illustration 7: David Paul Parker points out original trail on south edge of the cemetery.

Dr. Di Naso also pointed out a dams or berms on the south edge of the cemetery that is also present on the ArcGIS map. Dr. Di Naso states “these were constructed perpendicular to the direction of flow within the swale running NW to SE. and along the western flank of the cemetery. Together with the grass filter strips and terracing visible in aerial photographs, these structures are unquestionably associated with the grower’s soil management practices and nothing more. They’re formally known as low-head dams or weirs. They were constructed to regulate the flow of water along the drainage and help mitigate erosion and soil loss.”

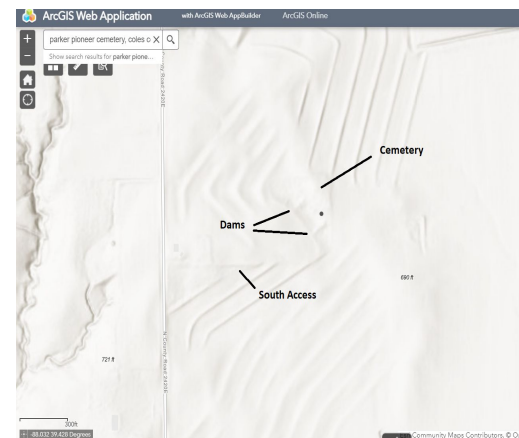


Illustration 8: ArcGIS map where a trail is evident on the South edge

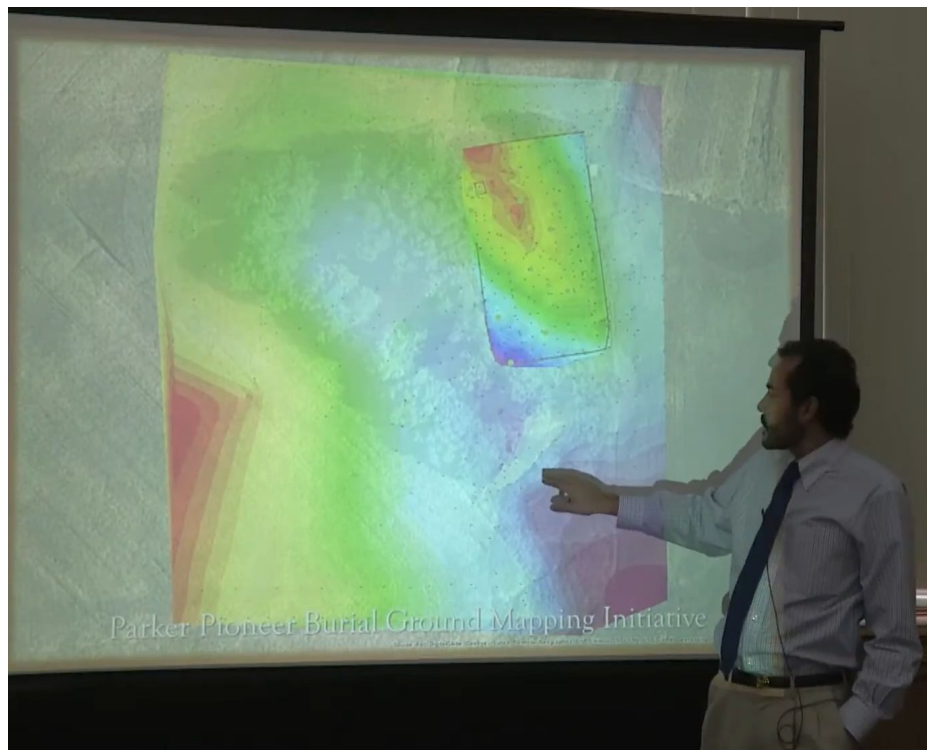


Illustration 9: Dr. Di Naso points out a dam feature on the South edge of the cemetery.

Later access was moved to the west and is possibly an easement that starts at N County Road 2420 E and ran along an east/west across the north drainage toward the cemetery. Some time after 1997 Fred McVey, the farmer that owned the surrounding fields, plowed that access and use of the west access is no longer possible.

Illustration 10: West easement as depicted from USGS LiDAR data.

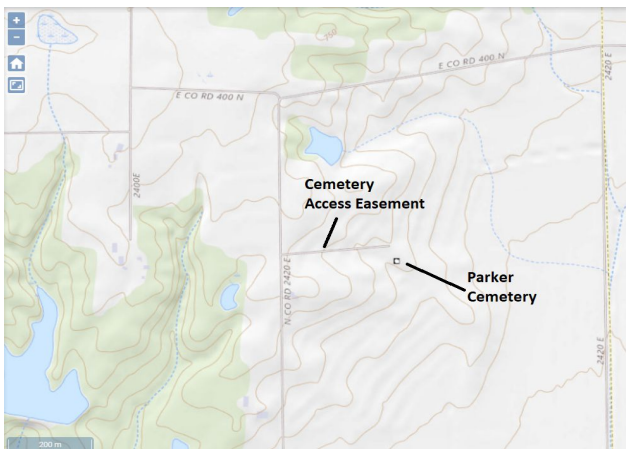


Illustration 11: Stacy Hintz with previous cemetery access marker; Memorial weekend 1997. Facing SE from the far west side of the field. Garland was placed by Stacy.

During the 2014 restoration the current property owner agreed to grant access along the erosion berms running from the north via East County Road 400 N into the east edge of the cemetery. The current access is not marked with signage and isn't mowed regularly, but it can be driven and space is available to park on the cemetery embankment.



Illustration 12: Current access path - graphic care of Dr. Di Naso.

Topography

Dr. Di Naso and his students collected all of the data at the cemetery related to the planimetrics in this publication (trees, fence lines, topography, EMI grids, etc.). All of the maps that Dr. S. Di Naso provided were created by him, including the headstone maps. The intent was to conduct an EMI survey of subsurface objects.

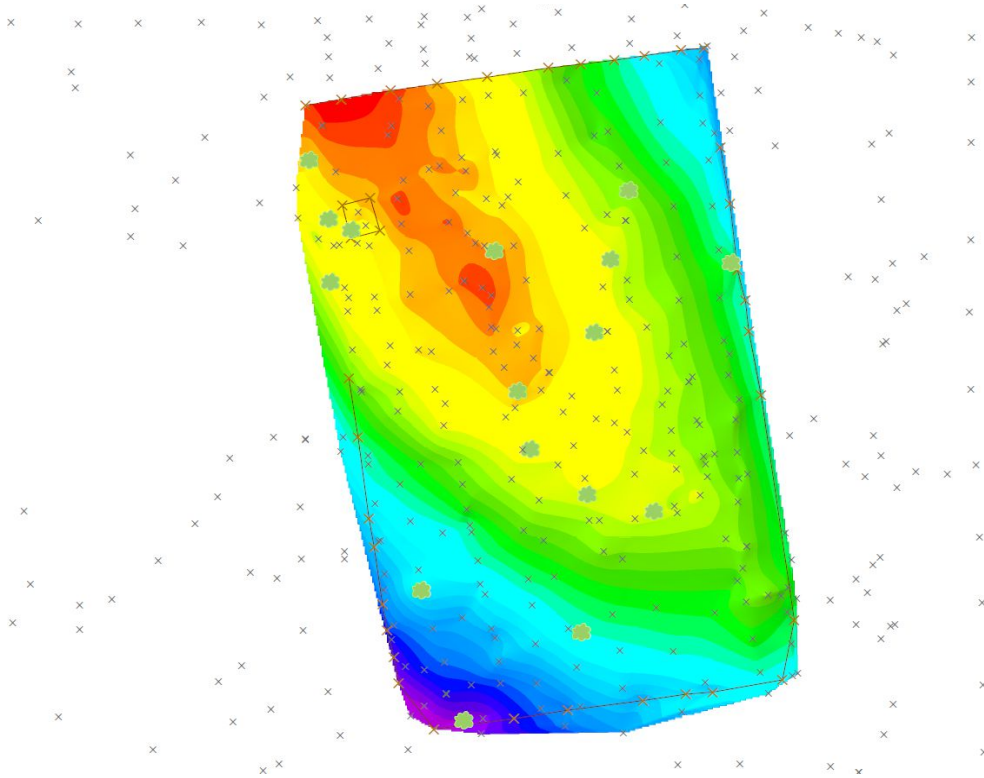
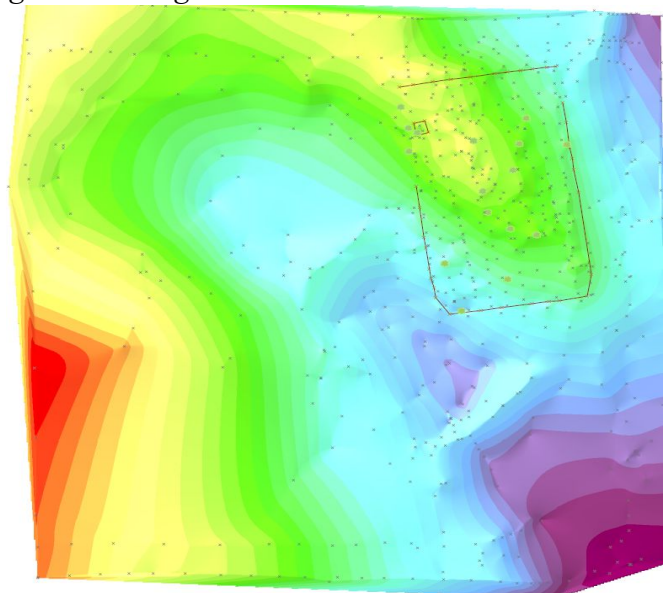


Illustration 13: Topography compiled by Dr. Di Naso showing trees and elevation. The 'x's denote points where measurements were taken.

Dr. Di Naso states “A side note on the ‘dam’ that I mentioned in my lecture all those years ago; there are actually two of these. These were constructed perpendicular to the direction of flow within the swale running NW to SE. and along the western flank of the cemetery. Together with the grass filter strips and terracing visible in aerial photographs, these structures are unquestionably associated with the grower’s soil management practices and nothing more. They’re formally known as low-head dams or weirs. They were constructed to

Illustration 14: Topography compiled by Dr. Di Naso showing surrounding elevation.



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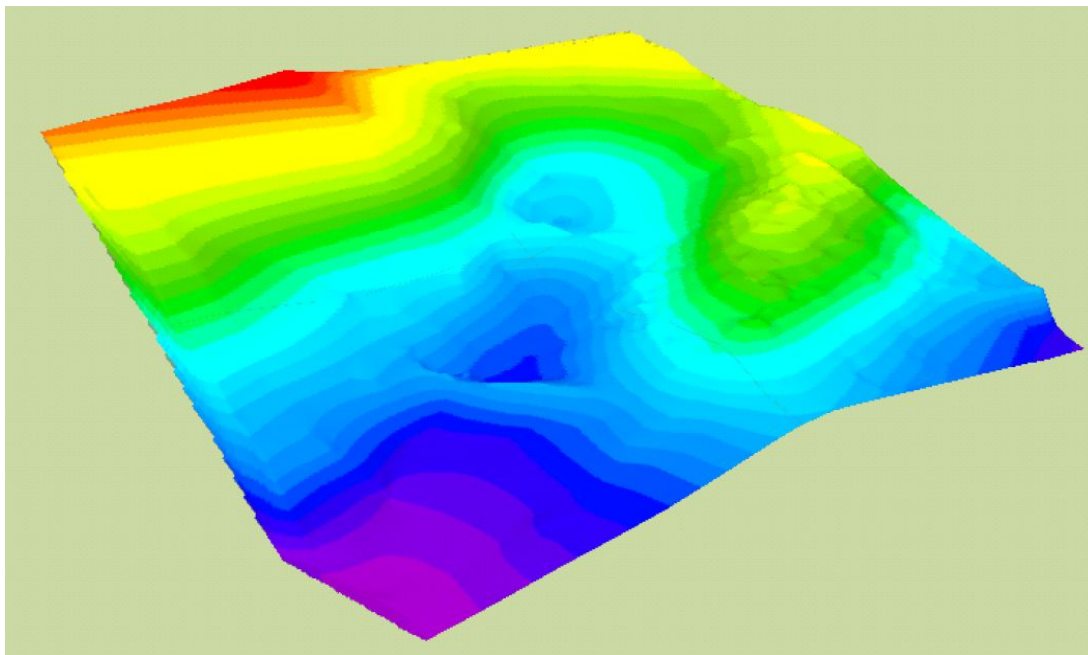


Illustration 15: 3D elevation rendered by Dr. Di Naso clearly showing a pair of dams or weirs.

Headstone Surveys

The first documented attempt to inventory of the cemetery states it was conducted July 1970 by Henry A. Tippet, Glenna Ruth (Tippet) Mullen (granddaughter of Henry A. Tippet), Ollie Hedding Hutton, Charles "Bud" Hutton, the son of Ollie Hutton. Their survey consisted of an alphabetical list of names, annotated, gathered directly from the stones in the cemetery. Some of the names on the list may have been acquired from documentation rather than from a reading of a stone.

In September 1997 Tom Hintz converted this type written survey into text and made it available via the USGenWeb.org archives care of Pam Reid with the work's attribution going to Glenna.

Coles County Genealogical Society published *The Prairie Sleeps*, Volume 3, in 1994 containing a survey.

Another survey was performed by David Paul Parker starting about 2005 and continuing over numerous visits through 2014. David says he divided the cemetery into sections and used a measuring tape to find the position of stones. In addition, he used a witching rod to locate unmarked graves. A version of David's survey is included at the end of this document.

A survey was performed in 2015 by Dr. Steven M. Di Naso of Eastern Illinois University. This work was voluntary and part of a class he taught under the 2015 EIU Catalog entitled GEG 3850. A map of



Illustration 16: EIU survey team Steve, Darrell, ?, Ali -- -- Lahn Henn, Grant Woods, ?, Lauren, Shaun.

headstones they created was a compilation of the data provided by Coles County that the class incorporated into their maps. This survey conducted on October 24, 2014 and November 1, 2014.



Illustration 17: EIU students with Dr. Steve Di Naso and Vince.

Dr. Harvey Henson at SIU was given grant funds in the amount of \$600 for EMI work. This work was not completed.

Restoration

A photo on Find-A-Grave for Anna (Doty) Parker taken by Shirley I Shawver Nees and posted on 28 Jun 2011 states “Abt 1980, our genealogy society cleaned it [the cemetery] up along with some others.”

Shirley further commented, “I took the picture in 1967. I went to about 3/4 of our cemeteries then and they all looked like that.”

When Tom and Stacy Hintz visited the area in 1997 they stopped at the court houses and local genealogy libraries. On one of these visits they asked directions to the cemetery to locate the two stones Sargent recorded as marking the location of George and his first wife. The story was told that one of the Cox boys had sought to restore the cemetery by himself. Unfortunately he suffered a heart attack near the fence line.

At that time the cemetery was wild with tall grass, lilies and yucca. This suggested that it had been long years since any maintenance. In the center of the cemetery trees had been felled across the marble stones at least a season or so prior.

At some time in the cemetery's past, a fence was erected to keep the livestock out. In 2005, David Paul Parker and others set out to restore and preserve the cemetery with the help of a local Boy Scout troupe under the guidance of Jamie Foreman, and they removed the wire but left the fence posts standing. It is unlikely that the fence represented an accurate boundary of the cemetery but it is physical evidence of its approximate dimensions.



Illustration 18: 1967 by Shirley I Shawver Nees



Illustration 19: Spring 1997, facing southeast from the northwest gate. Photo by Tom Hintz.



Illustration 20: About 2013.

Years later in a conversation with James David Parker about the state in which they found the cemetery he described fast growing sassafras trees of significant size. There were no such trees in 1997, which suggests that visit was not long after Mr. Cox had made his effort.

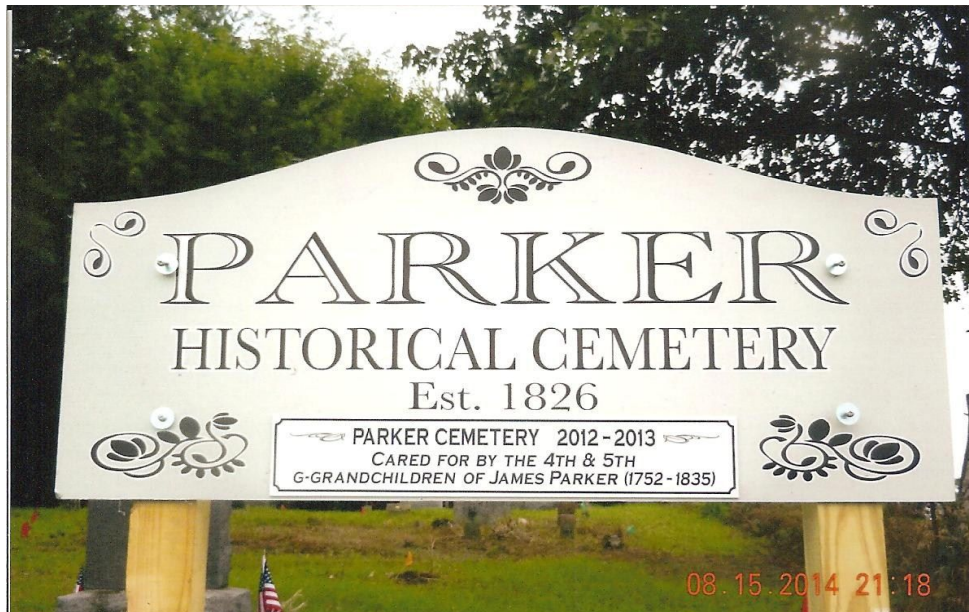


Illustration 21: New sign on northeast by David's son. Photo by David Paul Parker.

The sign that marked the northwest access has been moved to the northwest gate.



Illustration 22: 2014 the original sign re-positioned at the northwest gate. Photo David Paul Parker.

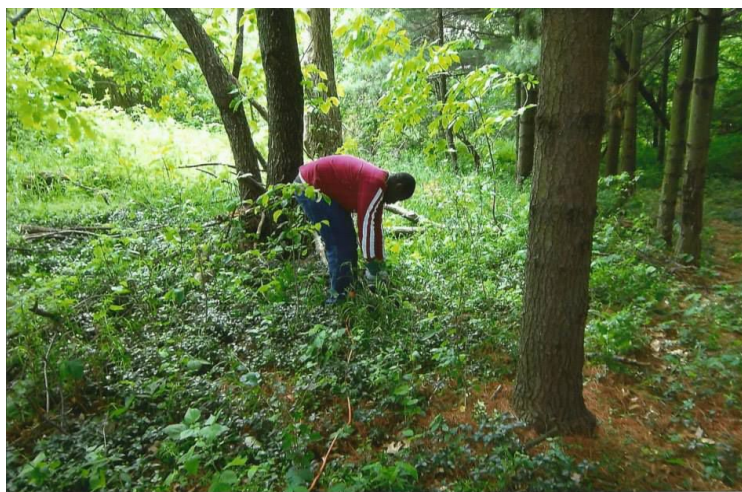
Illustration 23: David Parker, Martin Parker and James & Chris Parker.



Illustration 24: David, Martin, James and Chris Parker.



Illustration 25: David Parker's son with stump grinder.



An open house was held at the cemetery following the 2014 cleanup.



Field Stone Markers

Since the cemetery is glacial, any of the field stones found in and around the cemetery could be natural. However, if the stones are large and on the surface and in rows then there would seem to be good cause to assume they were used as markers and a number of historical comments state that certain burials are marked with a field stone.

Two free-standing stones are located within the cemetery fence line. One is in the southeast near the marker for Harriet Austin. The other is down the hill in the southwest between a pair of monuments.

David Paul Parker and his wife noted the discovery of a large field stone roughly at the center of the cemetery, or possibly on the south between rows, with just the tip showing. David says his granddaughter saw this and asked about it so they explored around the stone and determined it was a large field stone. Carolyn S. had an archaeologist perform a shallow excavation to the base of the stone. They noted a change in soil color and David says there were 4 fist sized stones around it in a rectangle at 3 foot distance, evidence that it could be a grave.

In addition, people have noted there are small stones in a collection inside the cemetery at its southeast fence post, and larger stones outside the cemetery at that same post. While these could be glacial material or markers that were removed from the cemetery or the adjacent farm field, David suggests that these mark graves.

The larger of the stones found outside the corner of the southeast, directly at the fence post, is almost certainly the stone marker mentioned in the legal description of the 1843 deed.

Accounts describe not less than three large stones marking graves on the south side of the cemetery. Only two are noted at this time within the fence line and a third is documented just to the outside on the south near the marker for Harriet Austin, not counting the stone described by the 1843 deed. The cemetery is surrounded on south and west sides by woods with dense undergrowth that could hide additional stones.

There is evidence on the southeast quadrant of the cemetery that people have had fires in that location. One possible reason that the stones are not found where documented is that either someone moved them during a cleanup, or campers cleared space by moving the stones.

Samuel Sargent drew a map showing the location of rocks that should have marked George Parker and his wives. Tom recalls seeing the stone on the southeast near Harriet Austin's memorial during the visit in 1997 but not the stones reported by Sargent. The stones were moved some time between Samuel Sargent's observations in 1949 and Tom and Stacy's visit in 1997.

Parkers

The oldest Parker graves are not marked with memorials. However, in 1949 Samuel Sargent walked the cemetery with the great grandson of James and Anna, John A L Parker. John told Samuel that he had placed a cement block to mark the grave of one grandmother, and rocks to mark his grandfather and his other grandmother.

The following paragraphs discuss the possible location of these family members. The conclusion drawn here is that the main group of older Parker graves is located in the same row as Harriet Austin according to the map drawn by Mr. Sargent, and the cement block is the grave of Sarah (Bonser) Parker.

James and Anna (Doty) Parker

Both James and Anna are reported to have died at the home of George Parker a short distance from this cemetery and some accounts state they are buried there. These are the parents of George Sr. Anna died in October of 1830, and James died 1835. Katherine Jane Brown gives this account of their burials in her book, *Parker Pathways*.

“She [Anna] died in Coles Co., at the home of son George David (4) on 12 October 1830, at age 64 y. 10 mo. She is buried in the Parker Cemetery near Westfield, Clark⁴ Co., Illinois. Only a field stone marks her grave.”

Katherine goes on to say,

“Mrs. Lydia E. Doty, granddaughter of James Mercer Parker (5) said in 1945 that James (1) is buried in Parker Cemetery in Clark Co., Illinois, not beside Anna, but on the other side of the cemetery. Again, she says only a field stone marks her grave. There are some in Crawford Co., Illinois who say James (1) did not return to Coles Co., but died in 1835 in Crawford Co., and is buried between the two wives of Johnathan (1) in Jones Cemetery, no stone to mark his grave.”

No field stones are documented on the north side of the cemetery. Possibly Mrs. Doty is confusing the location of George's wife, Sarah, with that of Anna.

Samuel documents an interview with George N. Parker. George Newman Parker, 1843 – 1925, was the grandson of James Parker's son Johnathan P. Parker. That interview states,

“George N. Parker, lawyer stated in his sketch that James Parker Sr. who would have been his great grandfather was buried in the Parker Cemetery Hutton township. That his grave is on the south side of the cemetery, without a monument, that there is a large rock marking the grave.”

James and Anna died less than 5 years apart. If both died at their son's house in Coles County it is quite likely they were buried near each other. Indeed, there is a rock located a few feet north of Harriet Austin's marker. Assuming that rock has not been moved from elsewhere it is a prime candidate to be the marker for James and Anna.

⁴ The cemetery is actually in Coles Co., Illinois.

Cement Block

A common confusion is who is buried next to George Sr., his wife Sarah or his other wife Sarah, and who is buried on the opposite side of the cemetery with a cement block to mark her grave. The cement marker was placed by John A. L. Parker to assist finding his grandmother's small, plain marble marker.

An assumption has sometimes been made that John A. L. Parker meant his paternal grandmother, Sarah Jane (Allen). However, we all have 2 grandmothers so this marker could be either Sarah Jane (Allen), or it could be Sarah “Sally” (Shoemaker nee Bonser), his maternal grandmother.

Katherine Jane Brown's book, *Parker Pathways*, states that J. A. L. Parker placed a cement block to mark his grandmother's grave. She appears to have obtained that information from Samuel Sargent. The Sargent Papers located at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have a letter from Katherine asking for help writing her book and she cites his papers as one source.



Illustration 26: Cement block, just visible.

Katherine says,

“She [Sarah (nee Bonser) Parker] is buried just a short distance southwest of the large monument of Burgess Berkley, next row – and has a concrete block to mark her grave—no inscription.”

The Burgess Berkley monument is on the north edge of the cemetery just east of the center and the cement block is on the north central area. Katherine goes on to say,

“John (1844) and Abigail had children, their names are no known to me at this time. The had a grandson, John Alexander Logan [Parker], who placed a monument of a plain cement block for his grandmother's grave. There is no inscription on the stone in the Parker Cemetery.”



Illustration 27: Photo of cement block by David Paul Parker, 2014, with original marble marker stacked above.

Samuel Sargent is mostly consistent with these statements, but a couple pages do contradict the balance of his writings and reverse the positions of Sarah (Bonser) and Sarah (Allen) in the cemetery. An example is illustrated below. The second reference is more refined and assume a later revision of the first.

SARAH ALLEN-born _____ died Dec. II, 1830- Hutton
Township, buried ~~xxxxxx~~
Her parents lived in Virginiato Kentucky, where probably died.
She buried in Parker cemetery, near north side by herself, has a
concrete block as marker-no inscriptions, placed there by grandson
John A.L.Parker.
all children by this marriage

MRS. SARAH(SALLY) SHOEMAKER-born Nov. 6, 1801- died _____
widow of JOSEPH SHOEMAKER- who died near Portsmouth, Ohio. They were
the parents of Abigail Shoemaker who married JOHN ALEXANDER PARKER
son of George Parker and Sarah Allen. She buried Parker cemetery
a short distance south west of the large monument of Burgess
Berkley, next row- has a concrete block for marker no inscriptions,
placed there by John A.L.Parker her grandson. She died at the
home of John Alexander Parker's near the grave yard.

Elizabeth Parker

Elizabeth (Preston, widow of Thomas Flint), George's 2nd wife, died some time after she co-signed the 1843 deed for the Parker Cemetery, but before George is recorded marrying again in 1849. Samuel Sargent places Elizabeth and her child next to George, so George, Sarah (Allen) and Elizabeth are buried together but specifically in what position is not known.

Mrs. Elizabeth Flint- widow of Thomas Flint, who were the parents of Mary
J. Flint who married David Allen Parker March 29, 1837.
buried with husband George Parker- no marker.

Elizabeth's daughter, Mary Jane Flint, married David Allen Parker.

George Parker

The map Samuel provides indicates there are two stones marking the four graves noted above of George, Sarah (Allen), Elizabeth and a child of Elizabeth and George. He says these stones were placed by John A L Parker. Unfortunately these two field stones have been moved. The monuments and tree used as guides remain.

Its important to recall that Sarah (Allen) died only a few weeks after her mother in law, Anna. They would likely have been buried near each other. If the Sargent map represents the location of Sarah then Anna is somewhere close and in the same row one presumes.

James died 5 years after Anna and Sarah. If he is buried in this cemetery then once again it is easy to assume he is near to the same location and in the same row. Few burials have occurred by the time of his death so it seems there is little reason to believe that the graves would have been separated. As previously noted the cemetery is arranged roughly into family groups.

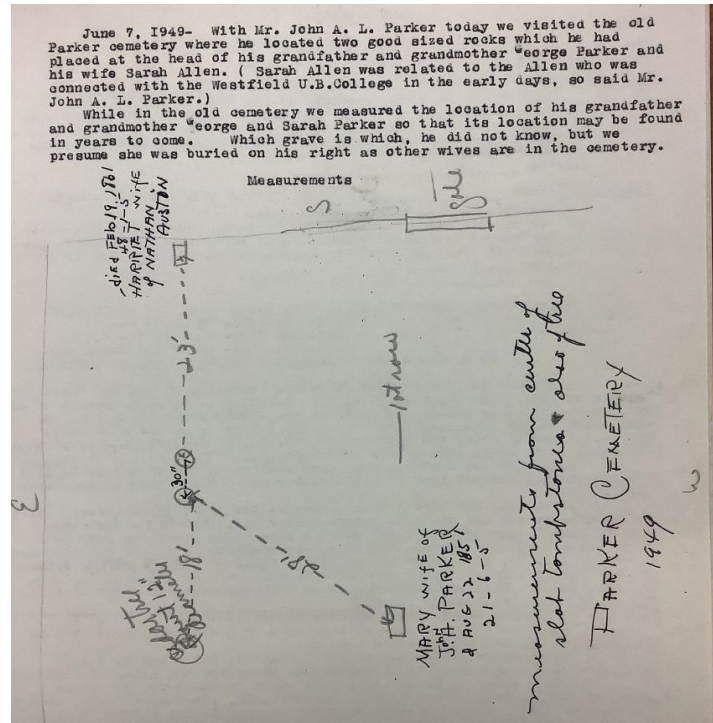


Illustration 28: Samuel Sargent's map to George and Sarah Parker – Note: south is at the top.



Illustration 29: ArcGIS satellite image of cemetery with annotations showing correlations to Sargent's map.

In Fall of 2021, Tom and Stacy Hintz contracted with Adams Memorials in Charleston, Illinois, to mark the former location of the field stones with an actual memorial. The memorial was placed in August of 2022 and Adams Memorials supplied the following photograph of their work.



Illustration 30: Courtesy of Adams Memorials

It is difficult to say where George and Sarah's rocks were moved. There are three free-standing rocks in the cemetery that match the description. A fourth rock is located at the central west row.

Within the row there is a large field stone positioned as a possible marker between the marker for Harriet and the two stones noted in the map. This may be the marker for James Parker described by George N. Parker, or it may have been moved here and originally marked George and Sarah.

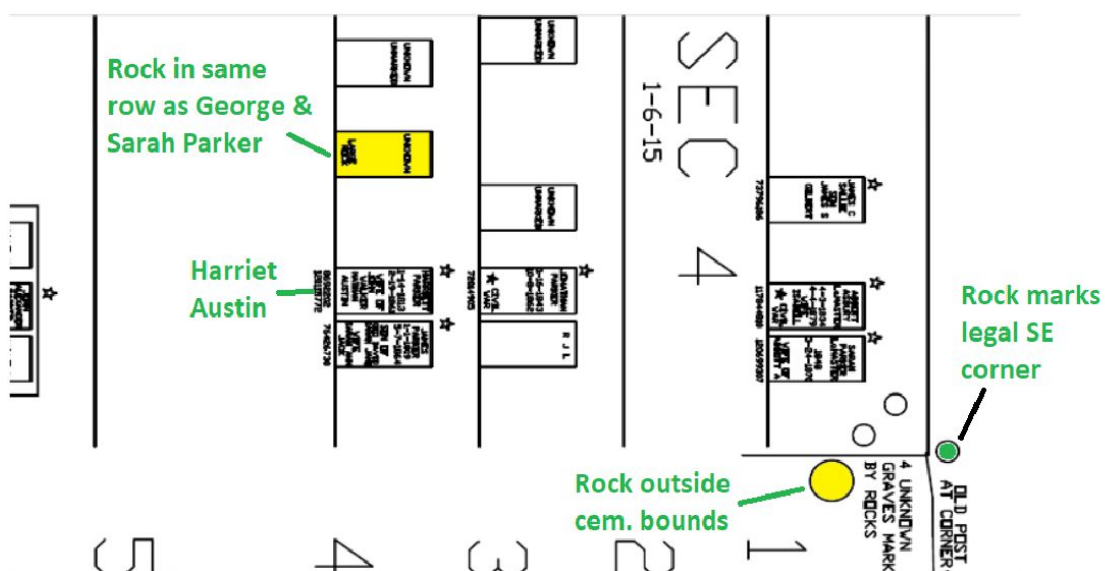
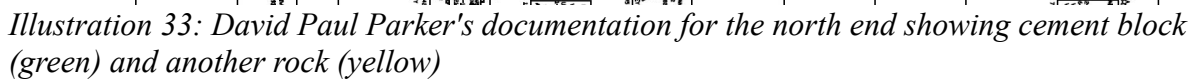
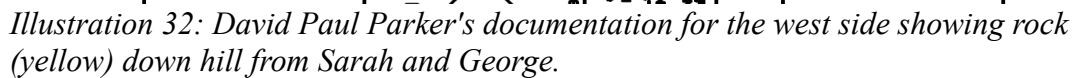


Illustration 31: South East corner documented by David Paul Parker showing location of two large rocks (yellow).

The other two free-standing stones are down hill directly to the south and to the west. One is just outside the cemetery fence askew of the row on the south. The other is tucked narrowly between two marble stones down the hill on the southwest. One or both of these could be the missing stones for George and Sarah.



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Anna E. Parker

This is a tall marble marker at the northwest corner, 2nd row counting from the west and possibly the first grave on the north side of that row. This one is a puzzle because only the north face partially readable. The other faces are unmarked or eroded so as to eliminate all markings. The monument has a finial lying at the west edge of the base between it and a small stone marked A E P.

This is Jephthah and Sarah Jane Parker's daughter marked on the north face but the initials of the parents are hard to make out. Jephthah's family burial plot is the next large memorial on the south side of Anna's.

The monument is presumably shared, or was intended to be shared, or Anna's inscription would have been located on the west like other stones. The south and west faces are on the lee of the stone protected from weather so a lack of inscription on those faces indicates there never was one. The west face is full into the prevailing weather and could have once contained an inscription. This marker could represent two burials: Anna E. and someone else.



Illustration 34: Anna E. Parker memorial showing the north face.



Illustration 35: Photogrammetry of stone's north face.

The inscription⁵ reads “Anna E., Dau Of, J. & S J., PARKER, Died, Sept 2 1854, unreadable”.

Anna died as an infant in the same year she was born. Other infant memorials are modest in comparison, which again suggests that this memorial was shared or intended to be shared.

⁵ Photogrammetry is a process of taking photos from multiple angles and mathematically combining them to produce a 3D image. This process is non-invasive and more successful than rubbings for highly worn stones.

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Appendix – Cemetery Map by David Paul Parker

Author's note:

I never met David in person but we began corresponding in 2008, and in 2014 he told me he had been making visits to the cemetery with a tape measure. He blocked off sections of the cemetery and plotted the location of each stone by hand in a computer aided drawing (CAD) software package. David continued to correct and update the drawings until he passed in Spring of 2022.

The overview drawing included here was dated July 30, 2018, and the smaller sections are dated August and September of 2017. David probably shared these versions with me about February 2022 when I asked for his permission to include the drawings under the terms of this document's copyright.

I spoke with David just weeks before he passed. During that conversation he told me he had more changes to share but he was not able to send them. Still, at the time of this writing his maps provide the most accurate location of the memorials in the Parker Pioneer Cemetery.

Graves Not Found

		☆	☆		☆				
INFANT BERKLEY	SARAH APPLEGATE BERKLEY	WILLIAM F BERKLEY 4-9-1808 5-25-1870 WIFE HARRIET DENNIS MARY A CORDER	HARRIET UNK BERKLEY 5-18-1811 2-20-1888 WIFE OF WILLIAM F BERKLEY WILLIAM NEWLIN	MORINDA A BERKLEY UNKNOWN 3-11-1863 DAU OF E E S F	BOLLA ETNIER UNKNOWN 10-18-1889 SON OF WILLIAM SARAH M	DAISEY GILBERT UNKNOWN 10-7-1878 DAU OF	OTTO FOREMAN 11-12-1879 1-24-1880 SON OF JOSEPH CYNTHIA BERKLEY	ROZETTA MODRELL UNKNOWN 5-7-1854	ELIZABETH UNK FLINT UNKNOWN UNKNOWN WIFE OF JAMES 2NDWIFE OF GEORGE DAVID
72078783	72079634	72011597	72012105	3M 11D	118089712	118090912	90761222	118096293	117483984
								27Y 10M 22D	

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SARAH BONSER PARKER 11-6-1801 - -1875 4thWIFE OF GEORGE DAVID	CLIFFORD C PARKER 6- -1872 8-23-1877 SON OF WILLIAM T MARY A	ORVA PARKER 4-21-1878 5-18-1879 SON OF JAMES ALBERT SIERRA NEVADA	GEO DAVID PARKER - -1785 3-18-1862 4 WIVES SARAH J ALLEN ELIZABETH FLINT SARAH A MINTURN	ABIGAIL SHOEMAKER PARKER 3-24-1837 - - 1880 WIFE OF JOHN ALEXANDER	MARY JANE FLINT PARKER 30-30-1819 3-7-1861 WIFE OF DAVID ALLEN	SARAH ANN JACK PARKER 5-27-1819 6-15-1887 WIFE OF JAMES (1819) JOHN BRYANT IVASON TAYLOR	ANNA DOTY PARKER 12- -1765 10-12-1830 GRAVE UNLOCATED WIFE OF JAMES	JAMES PARKER - -1752 - -1835 GRAVE UNLOCATED WIFE ANNA DOTY	MARY E UNK PARKER UNKNOWN 8-22-1831 WIFE OF JOHN J	
62273327	72082024	72426200	SARAH BONSER 72004724 LARGE ROCK	84850381	65423319	117481553	11311847	11311852	118096729 21Y 6M 5D	

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INFANT LEE	INFANT LEE	LEVI LEE	LEVITE LEE	LULA LEE	NATHIEL LEE	DR VALENTINE McGAHAN
UNKNOWN 1-3-1857	UNKNOWN 2-10-1836	UNKNOWN 2-2-1836	UNKNOWN 5-7-1856	UNKNOWN 11-24-1865	5-9-1865	3-13-1836 4- -1872
SON OF WILLIAM ABIGAIL	SON OF NATHANIEL CATHERINE	SON OF NATHANIEL CATHERINE	SON OF L & E	DAU OF WILLIAM ABIGAIL	SON OF WILLIAM ABIGAIL	WIFE TACY ANN BERKLEY
83298305	83297692	83298136	83298436	83298214	85298182	115771936
		11M 13D	6Y 8M 14D	11M 10D	1M 6D	

JOHN WALKER UNKNOWN UNKNOWN WIFE HARRIET PARKER	SYLVESTER LEE UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	INFANT HUTTON 3-11-1870 4-12-1870 SON OF SILAS ELIZ. ANN	JAMES HUTTON 4-5-1805 9-27-1872	JAMES JR HUTTON 9- -1832 UNKNOWN WIFE SHARLOTTE	PHILLIP BERNICE HUTTON 11-14-1853 2-3-1916 WIFE MARY E SISK
8692188		63525'169	25573999	63522628	29113958

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1-6-15

SEC 3
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SEC 4
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SEC 7
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SEC 8
1-6-15

SEC 6
1-6-15

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WIFE OF
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10-2-1868
DAU OF
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ELIZABETH SILAS
ANN JENKINS HUTTON
HUTTON 6-21-1841
1-15-1848 10-10-1928
4-10-1937 WIFE
ELIZABETH
WIFE OF ANN
SILAS JENKINS
★ CIVIL
WAR

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9-6-1867
9-30-1867
DAU OF
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SHARLOTTE

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INFANT
HUTTON
12-24-1856
1-13-1857
SON OF
JAMES JR
SHARLOTTE

73801793

ALMA
HUTTON
9-6-1867
9-30-1867
DAU OF
JAMES JR
SHARLOTTE

63522677

SHARLOTTE
SNIDER
HUTTON
7-26-1837
9-22-1867
WIFE OF
JAMES JREDDIE F
RHODEN
7-15-1867
4-16-1879
SON OF
WILLIAM R
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1-17-1918 12-22-1895
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JAMES
NANCY A

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LILLY MAY
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5-15-1873
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JAMES A
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117950943	73800640	7300565	73800898	73800758	117951010	83298344

MARY
LEE
UNK
9-7-1857
POSSIBLE
DAU OF
L &
E

SEC 2

7-30-17

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NANCY ARNOLD COX 6-28-1814 6-28-1814 10-5-1890 10-5-1890 WIFE OF JAMES WIFE NANCY ★ CIVIL WAR	JAMES COX	UNKNOWN UNMARKED	ANTHONY COX 8-2-1837 10-8-1862 ★ CIVIL WAR	UNKNOWN UNMARKED
73976732	73296663		118116386	

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LEE
7-17-1832
2-5-1881
SON OF
W
J

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☆
CATHERINE
BLACKBORN
LEE
1808
1884
WIFE OF
NATHANIEL

83297661

☆
NATHANIEL
LEE
UNKNOWN
5-15-1854
WIFE
CATHERINE

83297602
51Y 2M 15D

☆
RILEY L
LEE
UNKNOWN
10-15-1865
SON OF
J
N

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AMERICA
STODDARD
LEE
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12-3-1874
WIFE OF
JOSEPHUS

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MARENA
PARKER
WALKER
6-22-1817
4-5-1874
WIFE OF
BENJAMIN
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UNMARKED

OLD POST
AT CORNER

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ARKED BY ROCKS

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UNMARKED

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JAMES C
SALLIE
SON
JAMES S
GILBERT

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ABBOTT
ASBURY
LOMASTER
4-3-1834
4-4-1879
WIFE
ISABELL
★ CIVIL
WAR

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SARAH
PARKER
LOMASTER
1848
3-24-1870
WIFE OF
ABBOTT A

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PARKER
1-16-1843
10-8-1862
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LARGE
ROCK

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PARKER
1-14-1813
2-19-1861
WIFE OF
JOHN
WALKER
NATHAN
AUSTIN

8692202
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JAMES
PARKER
1-1-1819
5-7-1864
SON OF
GEO DAVID
SARAH JANE
WIFE
SARAH ANN
JACK

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ILLEGIBLE

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ELIZA J
SARAH A
&
BURGESS
BERKLEY

LARGE
MARKER

63571349

★
MARY A
CORDER
4- -1852
1-16-1869
WIFE OF
WILLIAM F
BURKLEY

72011969

★ BLOCK
SARAH JANE
ALLEN
PARKER
2- -1864
6- -1864
1STWIFE OF
GEORGE
DAVID
72004827

★
ELIZABETH
UNKNOWN
GREEN
- -1785
2-2-1872

WIFE OF
JAMES
121953068

★
LEOMA MATHIAS
UNKNOWN WILLIAMS
4- -1860 1-21-1859
- -1900 6-7-1919
WIFE OF
MATHIAS
117953558 117953512

INFANT
(JAMES)
PARKER
UNKNOWN
7-23-1879
SON OF
ELLEN
116302707

ELLEN
PARKER
9-5-1854
3-8-1880
WIFE OF
DAU OF
DAVID ALLEN
MARY JANE
63423116

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DAVID
ALLEN
PARKER
4-27-1815
5-3-1889
WIFE
MARY JANE
FLINT
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UNMARKED

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SARAH JANE JEPHTAH
GREEN PARKER
7-3-1818 9-13-1823
7-14-1901 1-24-1902
WIFE OF
JEPHTAH
DAU OF SON OF
JOHN B GEO DAVID
ELIZABETH
63423382 63423409

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DASEY
PARKER
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5-8-1883
DAU OF
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HARRIETT E
McGAHAN
5-28-1861
5-16-1863
DAU OF
VALENTINE
McGAHAN
TACY ANN
BERKLEY
75852700

★
MARY E
McGAHAN
8-16-1855
10-18-1855
DAU OF
VALENTINE
McGAHAN
TACY ANN
BERKLEY
75852532

★
HILLEY R
PARKER
3-6-1869
8-12-1887
DAU OF
116635529

★
CORNELIA
SMITH
UNKNOWN
8-12-1887
DAU OF
ARCH
IDA ELLEN
116635634

★
IDA ELLEN
UNKNOWN
SMITH
7-26-1852
1-1-1909
WIFE OF
ARCH
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★
SARAH
PARKER
REDMAN
10-15-1844
3-9-1879
WIFE OF
JOHN B
DAU OF
DAVID ALLEN
MARY JANE
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UNMARKED

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ROCK

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JOHN E
FOREMAN
1-1882
10--30-1882
SON OF
JOSEPH &
CYNTHIA
BERKLEY
90760895

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HANNAH
BERKLEY
4- -1852
1-26-1869
DAU OF
BURGESS
SARAH A
72080824
19Y 8M 6D

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NANCY R
WILEY
UNKNOWN
1-11-1866
WIFE OF
ALVIN
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MARY M
DEVERICKS
BERKLEY
12- -1847
1-20-1866
WIFE OF
DANIEL N
72077454

M J P

UNKNOWN
ILLEGIBLE

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INFANT
PARKER
UNKNOWN
8-23-1877
SON OF
JAMES
ALBERT
SIERRA
NEVADA
72425954

LOLA
PARKER
MINEAR
- -1870
5-21-1897
WIFE OF
J P
65423356
27Y 4M 20D

☆

MARY A
UNKNOWN
PARKER
- -1849
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WIFE OF
WILLIAM T
72021342

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WILLIAM T
PARKER
8-8-1847
- -1922
WIFE
MARY A
UNKNOWN
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BERKLEY

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MANFORD
EARLIE
BERKLEY
- -1880
12-21-1885
SON OF
WILLIAM H
MARTHA
FRANCIS
DOBBS
63571682

☆

MARTHA
FRANCIS
DOBBS
10- -1843
- -1933
WILLIAM
HENRY
BERKLEY
10-4-1844
3-5-1921
WIFE
MARTHA
★ CIVIL
WAR
63571635 63571518

☆

HARRY L
BERKLEY
7-3-1889
9-21-1901
SON OF
WILLIAM H
MARTHA
FRANCIS
DOBBS
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☆

CLIFFORD M
BERKLEY
9-19-1891
12-6-1892
SON OF
W B
M R
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☆

CHARLES M
BERKLEY
9-12-1898
2-27-1900
SON OF
W B
M R
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ELIZA JANE
NEWPORT
BERKLEY
8-21-1820
11-18-1849
WIFE OF
BURGESS

ANN
BURGESS
BERKLEY
5- -1776
11-12-1850
WIFE OF
THOMAS

UNKNOWN
ILLEGIBLE

CUMBERLAND
BERKLEY
5- -1776
11-12-1850
WIFE OF
THOMAS

JOHN
BURGESS
BERKLEY
UNKNOWN
2-28-1858
SON OF
BURGESS
SARAH A

SARAH E
BERKLEY
7- -1864
3-6-1865
DAU OF
DANIEL N
MARY M

INFANT

MARY E
DONALDSON
PARKER
2-17-1830
8-22-1851
WIFE OF
JOHN
ALEXANDER

63571413

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SARAH E
HILL
UNKNOWN
10-14-1851
WIFE OF
WILLIAM

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INFANT
SON OF

UNKNOWN
ILLEGIBLE

SARAH
MINTURN
JACK
PARKER
6-18-1796
10-13-1853
WIFE OF
SAMUEL
JACK
3rd WIFE OF
GEO DAVID
PARKER
71307926

SAMUEL
JACK
4-16-1793
1-24-1848
WIFE
SARAH
MINTURN
71307842

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CLIFFORD
10- -1881
11- -1882
BARTHENIA
2- -1864
6- -1864
CHILDREN OF
COX

7-30-17

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INFANT
CONLEY
UNKNOWN
2-11-1870
SON OF
S A &
J

SARAH H
THOMPSON
UNKNOWN
11-16-1871
DAU OF
A &
R

LURAL W
KITE
UNKNOWN
2-24-1875
SON OF
J &
ME KITE

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